Charging of Dhannada' by Modi Rubber Company

1887. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the charging of certain amount of 'Dharmada' (donation) ! by tyre tralders jand Modi Rubber Company has been under examination by the Inspecting Assistant Commissioner under Section 144iB of the Income-tax Act, 1961;

(b) whether subsequent assessments of the Modi Rubber Company are pending the result of examination;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether the company has been prosecuted for this illegal taxing of tyre consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The charging of certain amount as 'Dharmada' by M|s Modi Rubber Limited has been examined by the Inspecting Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax under Section 144B of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for the assessment year 1980-81. The assessment for that year has been I completed. The assessments for the two subsequent years i.e. assessment year 1981-82 and 1982-&3 have also been completed. Assessments for the assessment years 1983-84 and 1984-85 are still pending. M|s. Modi Rubber Limited has not been prosecuted so far as there is no illegality from the point of view of the Income-tax Act.

There is no information that tyre traders are similarly charging 'Dharmada' from their customers.

Residential School for Smugglers in Bombay

1888. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in 'Hindustan-Times' of the 11th July, 1986 regarding running of a 'residential school for smugglers' in Bombay for giving training in the latest techniques for smuggling, and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE M'NTSTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the Press Report referred to in the question which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 11th July, 1986. However, the Government has no information on the running of training school in Bombay for smugglers, giving training in the latest techniques for smuggling.

(b) Does not arise.

1889. rTranaferred to th$_e$ 11th August, 1986.]

Role of Foreign Investment

1890. SHRI VISHVJIT PRITHVI JIT SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of foreign investment in the industrial economy of our country and how does it compare with countries like France, Japan, Australia, Canada etc.; and

(b) whether any review has been undertaken in the recent past to assess the role of foreign investment; if not, whether Government would consider appointing a high level Committee of Experts to assess the role of foreign investment both above and below 40 per cent being played in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF F^{T}NANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Our policy towards foreign investment continues to be selective, and this has been reiterated in the Technology Policy Statement of 1983. The policy is, however, kept under review in the light of our changing needs and requirements.